



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Steve A. Payne et al.

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Examiner:

For : Diode Pumped Alkali Vapor Fiber Laser

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Formalities Letter mailed December 29, 2003, please amend  
the above-referenced application as follows: